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E. O.11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KN, EEC, BE

SUBJECT: BELGIAN VIEWS ON RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

REF: STATE 65086

FONOFF COUNSELLOR BLANCQUAERT ( FE) VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFF  
DURING CONVERSATION RE RELATIONS WITH PRG ( SEPTTEL) THAT  
DANES WERE PRESSING HARD IN EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR  
APPROVAL OF THEIR PLANS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC COMMITTEE FOR  
NORTH KOREA, AND THAT SUBJECT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA  
WAS ON AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE' S APRIL 25 MEETING. BLANCQUAERT  
SAID NORTH KOREANS WERE TRYING TO ESTABLISH TRADE CONTACTS WITH  
BELGIUM BUT BELGIANS WERE NOT INTERESTED. BLANCQUAERT THOUGHT  
NORTH KOREAN SUGGESTION WAS ONLY ONE STEP IN QUEST OF  
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RECOGNITION, AS WAS NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP  
WHICH HE SAID GOB WOULD OPPOSE. BLANCQUAERT FURTHER  
VOLUNTEERED THAT IF ACTION ON WHO APPLICATION COULD NOT BE  
AVOIDED ALTOGETHER, GOB WOULD PRESS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF  
CONSIDERATION FOR ONE YEAR. STRAUZ- HUPE

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